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- U.S. Patent No. 6,616,275 is an English language counterpart to WO 01/12113 A1;
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- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0107708 is an English language counterpart to WO 03/057023 A1;
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,373,135 is an English language counterpart to DE 39 26 859 C2; and
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